

RAILROAD HORROR.

TRIBUTIVE ACCIDENT ON THE CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD.

A Passenger Train Precipitated Into White River—Cars and Bridge Burned—Many Persons Killed, Burned to Death, and Injured.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
SPRINGFIELD, N. C., February 5.—8:30 A. M.—The night express to Montreal, which left here at 8:15 o'clock last night, ran over the bridge at Woodstock, Vt., two miles north of White River Junction, and the sleepers and passenger-cars and the bridge were entirely burned.

It is reported that there are a large number of people injured, and the number killed and burned is also reported to be large. Conductor Starnett was fatally burned. The accident occurred probably between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning on the Central Vermont railroad.

The train was made up and consisted of one sleeper and passenger-coach from here, one Chicago sleeper, connected at White River Junction, one mail-car from Boston, and one other passenger-coach, one baggage and one express-car. Frank Wesson, son of D. B. Wesson, of this city, of the firm of Smith & Wesson, pistol manufacturers, was among the killed.

The train was about an hour and a half late leaving White River Junction. It consisted of a locomotive, baggage-car, postal-car, two passenger-coaches, and two sleeping-cars. When about one mile south of the bridge, the locomotive broke away from the rest of the train, passing over the bridge in safety. The rest of the train was thrown from the rails and continued on the road-bed until it came near the end of the bridge, but there it fell over the abutment, and all of the cars fell into White River, some of them being so badly wrecked that they were frightful, and when the cars went down there was a terrible crash. As soon as possible the detached part of the train was stopped and an effort to the scene of the disaster was made. The injured were being hurriedly assisted. Assistance also came from people living in the vicinity, and everything was done to rescue and relieve the injured. Soon after help arrived it was discovered that the fire had started in the first passenger-car, and it had spread to the other cars, thus adding a new horror to the already frightful catastrophe. Those present were powerless to stop the fire, and devoted themselves entirely to attempting to rescue those trapped in the wreck.

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Just how many persons were killed cannot be ascertained while there exists so much uncertainty as to the number on the train. Of the bodies recovered eight have been identified. The list of killed as far as identified is as follows: Frank L. Wesson, Springfield, Mass.; M. R. Burgess, conductor of the Pullman car; S. S. Westcott, Burlington; Ed. F. Dillon, Dartmouth; D. Maigret Schomig, Quebec; Ed. C. Banks, Annapolis, Md.; N. H. W. M. Mills, Springfield, Vt.; Porter of Pullman Car Stalls.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENTS OR SPEAKER WEBSTER.

The Dead Associate Justice—Fires and Failures—Legislative Notes—A Curious Forger.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)
RICHMOND, N. C., February 5, 1887.
Outsiders have no idea of the extent and character of the feeling the Republicans entertain towards the speaker, who is identified, three of which were heard to curse him loudly and openly yesterday, and one negro Radical said, "We can't stand him in the market when we joined forces with these Independents. I wish we could swap them for a dog, and kill the dog." Poor Independents! They are "twixt the devil and the deep sea." The Democrats do not affiliate with them to any extent. Pearson, the most sensitive of them all, feels this neglect keenly, and shows that he feels it. So much for being in a false position. Mr. Pearson is bright, clever, and a capital speaker, and it is a pity that he is always "on guard," so to speak. The Republicans distrust the Independents—the Democrats snub them.

A letter from Poor's Ford, Rutherford county, says that A. F. Smith, a storekeeper and gauger, accidentally shot and instantly killed John Henderson, a colored man, while hunting for hares. Both were fast friends. Both were farmers and young men.

A STRANGE CASE OF FORTBERY attracts attention in Pitt county. G. A. Stancil, a farmer of wealth and social position, "raised" the amount of a mortgage given him by a negro tenant and the mortgagee, and the mortgagee, the law, so greatly ridiculed the deed, that he was indicted in this instance, for Stancil is fined \$500 and is in jail for four months.

NEWS FROM THE FISHERIES. The catching of the first shad is always an event in the eastern part of the State. These superb fish are making their appearance in the waters of the State, and the fishermen are making a promise to be plentiful. It is observed that there is renewed interest in the fisheries this year. The indications are that the season will be favorable, and special preparations are in progress.

VERY STRANGE INCIDENT. It is said that in Fredrick county there exists a case of hydrophobia in a man. The animal the man is afraid of is a vagrant cur January 5th. A week ago the man became violent. A negro named George Gay attempted to hold the man's mouth open that he might bite him. The man bit him, and the man was killed. The man was brought and the man went into spasms and appeared to suffer intensely. It has died. Now Gay is in terrible fear of hydrophobia. The Paris mad-dog was applied, but would not adhere, and the man was left to die. Newton to try the virtues of the Weedon mad-dog. His friends fear the worst, and the matter causes great excitement. It is a very remarkable case in all respects.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT. Three leading Republicans in the House yesterday voted against the bill to repeal the county government law, which would pass by a majority of 2.

THE DEAD ASSOCIATE JUSTICE. At the request of Governor Seale a special train has been furnished to enable the State officers to attend the funeral of Associate Justice Ashe, at Washington to-morrow afternoon. The train leaves here to-morrow. Governor Seale, Lieutenant-Governor Stedman, Speaker Webster, Treasurer Blair, Major Finger, and Justice Merriman will accompany the train.

Governor Seale to-day appointed M. A. Angier, of Durham, as a director of the North Carolina railroad to succeed Duncan Cameron, deceased.

News received here to-day of the death of John H. Wesson, who, for many years was United States marshal for this district. He died at his home at Washington, Beaufort county, this morning, aged seventy, after a long illness.

FIRE. Two fires are reported to-day—the residence, at Louisville, of J. A. Fankler, and the residence of Francis Hedzler, at Nashville. Losses, \$3,500; no insurance.

Two business failures are reported—Bosser Brothers, general merchants, Cherryville, assign to L. P. Ford; liabilities, \$1,200; assets, \$1,000. Black, C. C. Banks, Annapolis, Md., assign to J. H. W. M. Mills, Springfield, Vt.; liabilities, \$1,200; assets, \$1,000.

Deputy-Sheriff Statcher yesterday attempted to arrest one of the Goldsboro burglars at Wilmington, but the burglar drew a revolver and covered the officer. The officer was shot in the chest, and the burglar escaped.

LEGISLATIVE. In the Senate and House to-day a bill was passed to change the name of the town of Company-Shops to Burlington.

In the House Mr. York, for the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported in the Surry county contest that Franklin, the sitting member, is entitled to the seat, and that Brien, the contestant, was not. Franklin was found to be elected by a majority of the electors.

A special committee was raised, on motion of Mr. Fries, to examine all acts granting convicts to railroads; and also to report on the best method of employing convicts who cannot be taken out of the penitentiary.

Burned to Death. ROCKFORD, Ill., February 5.—James Colligan, eighty years of age, resided with his granddaughter, aged twenty years, and her child of two years. Last night the old man and child were away leaving the old man and child in bed with a kerosene lamp on a stand near the old man, in getting out of bed, knocked over the stand. The lamp was broken and the clothing set on fire. A man who was passing by saw the fire and ran to the door to the house. He found the old man on the floor with his clothes on fire. It was with great difficulty that he rescued him from the flames and put out the fire on his person. The little child was literally roasted alive. The flesh dropped off the old man's body, and the child was exposed. The child was rescued, but the old man was seriously burned.

Suicide with a Penknife. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
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ALL TALK OF COURSE.

MR. MANNING AND THE SMALL-NOTE QUESTION.

Southern Low-Tariff Men and Mr. Randall. General Tallaferra's Policy Retained—Personal Notes—Briefs.

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WASHINGTON, February 5.—Of course the talk of impeaching Secretary Manning was only talk, and nothing more. The men who indulged in it yesterday were merely expressing their desires. His administration may be assailed in the House, and indeed in both houses, but nothing like this step is seriously pondered, although there are plenty of people who say that the Secretary failed to carry out strictly the law in the matter.

As part of the history of opinion here on the revenue question, it may be stated that the southern low-tariff men are less favorable to Mr. Morrison's leadership than they ever have been before. While they do not support him, they do not support the tariff, they think he holds out more just now to their section than Morrison.

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NEW YORK, February 5.—The signing of the bill for the relief of the railroads effected upon the market to-day, which created some surprise, although it was expected that it would be done, and it was not until some time back. The strength of the foreign market, however, also being a reason for the operation here, and the bills forced upon us throughout almost the entire day, the market was not so strong as it was on the previous day, and the highest in the last hour. Many of the time were buyers to-day, and the operations of speculation in St. Paul the great deal of the market, and the market, the inference being that the Chicago market was not so strong as it was on the previous day.

Foreigners were moderate purchasers of the railroads, and although the advance in the railroads was not so strong as it was on the previous day, the market was not so strong as it was on the previous day.